
1. **Change in Graduate Student Admissions Requirements and other policies**
   
   **CHANGE:** In the past, graduate students admitted without probation needed a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution, or a comparable degree from an international institution, as well as a minimum of 3.0 GPA (or its international equivalent) on the last 60 credits of undergraduate course work. This policy did not take into account the large number of applicants who have also completed a master’s, or even doctoral degree. After a vote of the Graduate Faculty Executive Committee (GFEC), the **minimum requirements for admissions** now read:

   "A minimum undergraduate grade-point average (GPA) of 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale) on the equivalent of the last 60 semester hours (approximately two years of work) or a master’s degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale). Applicants from an international institution must have a strong academic performance comparable to a B for an undergraduate degree or a B for a graduate degree."

   The change policy went into effect summer 2010. Contact Judy Bauman at **bauman@grad.wisc.edu**.

2. **Change in Summer Enrollment for Graduate Students**
   
   In the past, graduate students were restricted to 8 total credits for the summer term. After approval by the Graduate Faculty Executive Committee (GFEC), the new maximum credit enrollment for summer terms (beginning summer 2010) is 12 credits per summer term, which is consistent with fall and spring terms.

   As in the past, for each individual **summer session** a student may enroll for the same number of credits as there are weeks in that session. If credits being taken during a session exceed the weeks in a session, an **overload form** will still be required.

   The change policy went into effect summer 2010. Contact Judy Bauman at **bauman@grad.wisc.edu**.

3. **Tuition Remission Policy for Fellows/Trainees**
   
   Students who have been awarded fellowships or traineeships from federal agencies or private foundations (NIH NRSA fellows and NIH NRSA trainees excluded) are eligible to receive a NON-RESIDENT tuition remission under the following conditions:

   a. The fellow/trainee is payrolled through the university (i.e., not paid directly by an agency or foundation); and

   b. The stipend paid to the fellow/trainee is at or above the stipend of a 33.3% Research Assistant. For 2011-2012, those rates are as follows:

   - Annual appointment basis: $13,600
   - Academic appointment basis: $11,112
   - Semester appointment basis: $ 5,506

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If both of the above criteria are met, the non-resident portion of the student’s tuition can be remitted by the Graduate School upon request by the program/department.

This change went into effect fall 2009. Contact Linda Scholl at lmscholl@grad.wisc.edu.

4. Concurrent Appointments for Predoctoral Trainees and Fellows
Students with fellowships or traineeships administered through the university may hold concurrent student hourly or graduate assistantship (TA, PA, RA) appointments. The maximum combined dollar-earned limit is $40,800 annually.

This was effective fall 2010. Contact Linda Scholl at lmscholl@grad.wisc.edu.

5. PhD minor requirement
Effective fall 2011, Graduate School policy will increase the flexibility available to doctoral programs to ensure breadth in student training by making completion of a minor optional rather than required. Programs can continue to require their students to complete a minor or they can opt into other types of breadth training.

- Graduate certificates
- Interdisciplinary requirements within the program that encourage cross-disciplinary coursework
- Cross-disciplinary research opportunities
- Service learning opportunities
- Workshops—both internal and external—that provide professional and other types of skills (for example, the Wisconsin Entrepreneurial Bootcamp offered annually by the School of Business)
- Lecture series such as forums focusing on the ethics of animal research or the Graduate School Seminar & Workshop Series, which highlights responsible conduct of research issues.

All existing Option A minors remain viable, and the Graduate School will continue to both encourage and vet proposals for new minors. Minor requirements for current doctoral programs remain in place. Should a program decide to opt out of a required minor, it must provide the Graduate School with information requested in the doctoral program worksheet. Students can choose an Option B minor or a currently established Option A minor.

The Graduate School is revising its criteria for 10-year program review to include explicit questions about breadth training.

This policy change was effective fall 2011. Contact Kelly Haslam at haslam@grad.wisc.edu.

6. Change to the AOF definition
Starting with applications for Summer 2012, students identifying as "Other Hispanic" on the graduate school application will also be AOF- eligible. Contact Dorothy Sanchez at dsanchez@grad.wisc.edu or Linda Scholl at lmscholl@grad.wisc.edu.